

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth above prior to examining the above-referenced application.


Applicants cancel claims 1-27 and add new claims 28-46. New independent claim 28 recites a device for anchoring a filament to tissue or bone having an anchor member adapted to be embedded in bone with a cavity formed therein, and an insertion element adapted to be disposed in the cavity in the anchor member with at least one suture-receiving channel formed therein and adapted to seat a filament. The suture-receiving channel has a size adapted to substantially secure the filament when the insertion element is disposed in the cavity in the anchor member. Support for new claim 28 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 6, lines 7-12. Claims 29-37 depend from claim 28 and recite additional features, support for which can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 6, lines 1-27.

New independent claim 38 recites a device for anchoring a filament to tissue or bone having an anchoring element adapted to be embedded in bone with a cavity formed therein, and an insertion stem adapted to be disposed in the cavity and including at least one suture-receiving channel formed on a surface thereof and adapted to slidably receive a filament. The suture-receiving channel has a size adapted such that the filament is retained by compression fit between the insertion stem and the anchoring element when the insertion stem is disposed within the cavity in the anchoring element. Support for new claim 38 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 6, lines 14-23. Claims 39-46 recite additional features, support for which can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 7, lines 1-27.

Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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